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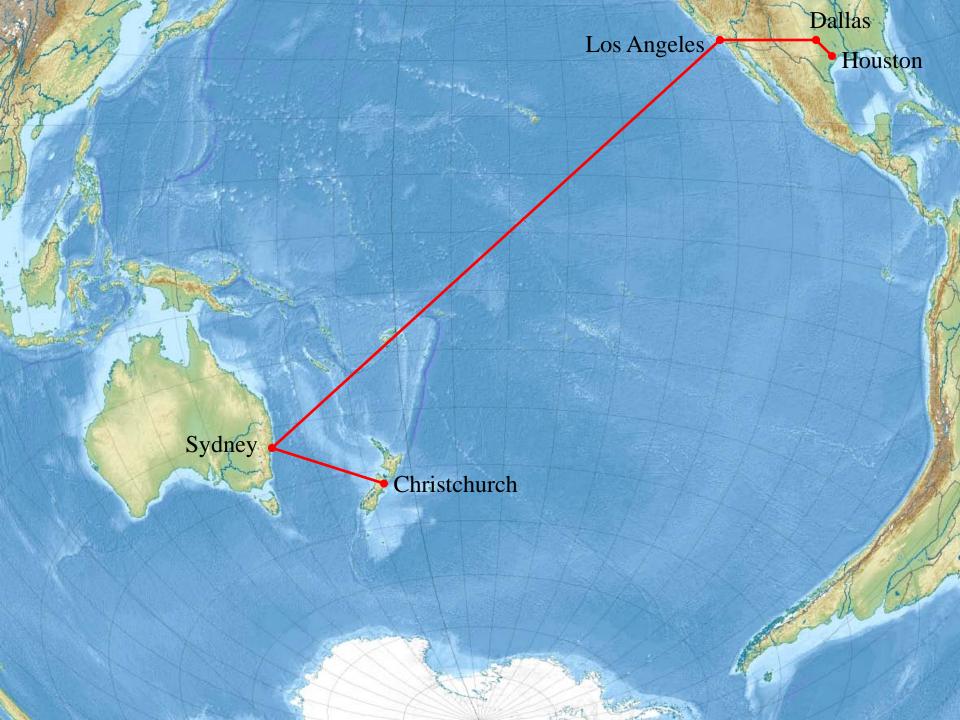
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#### McMurdo Station

- 900 people (150-200 in winter)
- 5:1 ratio of support staff to scientists
- 3:1 ratio of males to females
- 14,000 liters of water per day (desalinated seawater)
- 1.7 MW average electrical load (90% diesel, 10% wind)























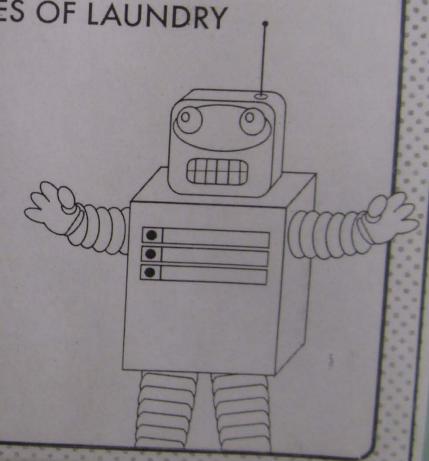
ROBOT SAYS:

# USE HOT WATER SPARINGLY!

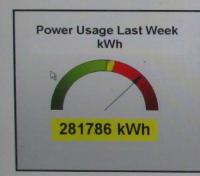
FOR SHOWERS & HOT CYCLES OF LAUNDRY

SADLY, THIS BUILDING HAS MORE HUMANOIDS THAN HOT WATER. PLEASE USE HOT WATER IN OFF-PEAK HOURS, LIMIT HOW OFTEN YOU USE HOT CYCLES, & KEEP SHOWERS SHORT SO YOUR FRIEND DOES NOT GET STRANDED IN A COLD SHOWER!

IN THE FUTURE, CONSERVE HOT WATER!

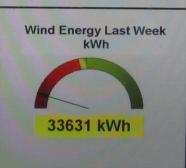


# McM Electric Bill Current \$6693/ Day Last wk avg. \$6441/ Day

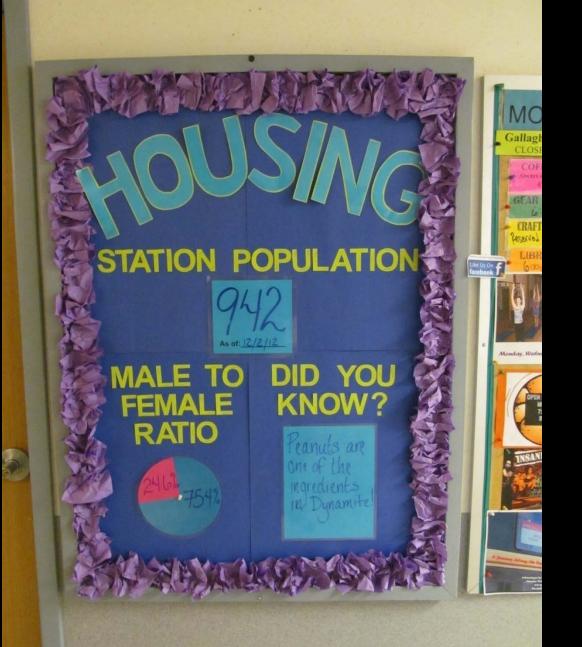


Promises



























# LC-130 "Hercules" aircraft

280 kt TAS

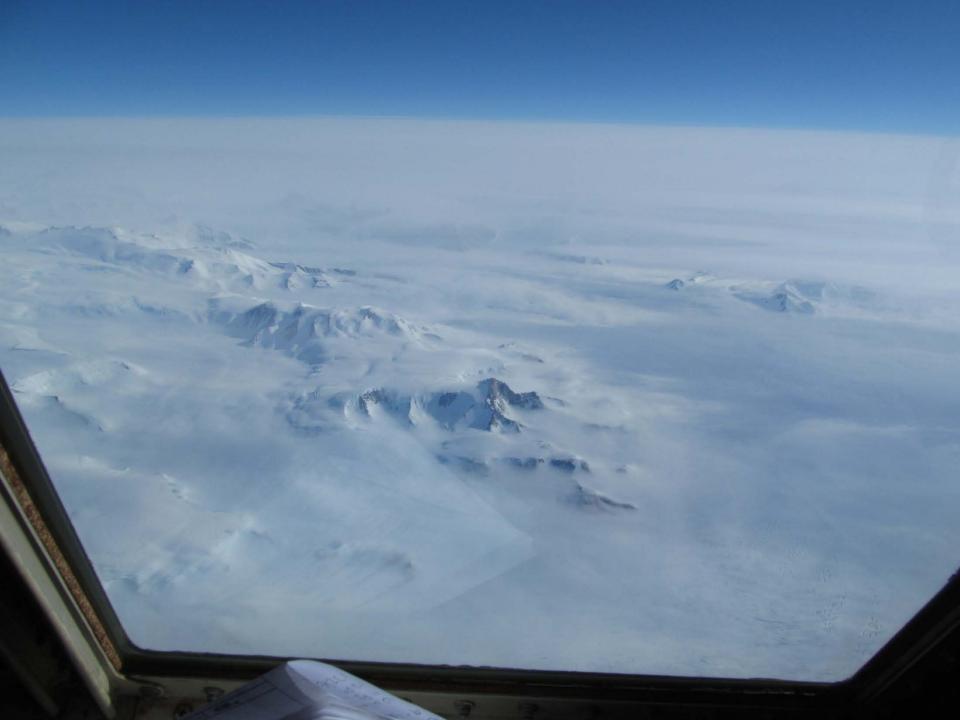
Load for our first flight (750 km from McMurdo):

5,500 kg

35 cubic meters

Two Hercules flights for 8 people for 6 weeks











## Scott Tent

- 2 people plus stove and some storage
- Double wall construction
- 40 kg weight
- Ventilated for stove exhaust
- Pyramid shape with four aluminum poles
- 4.3 cubic meters habitable volume (plus vestibule)
- 2 people can endure at least 13 consecutive tent days
- Three additional Scott tents: lavatory; science and team gathering; bath or skidoo repair.



### Coleman 2-burner white gas camp stove

Converted for propane fuel

Used for heating, cooking, and melting ice for water. 9 kg of propane gives 9 days of use.





# Food for two people for 6 weeks

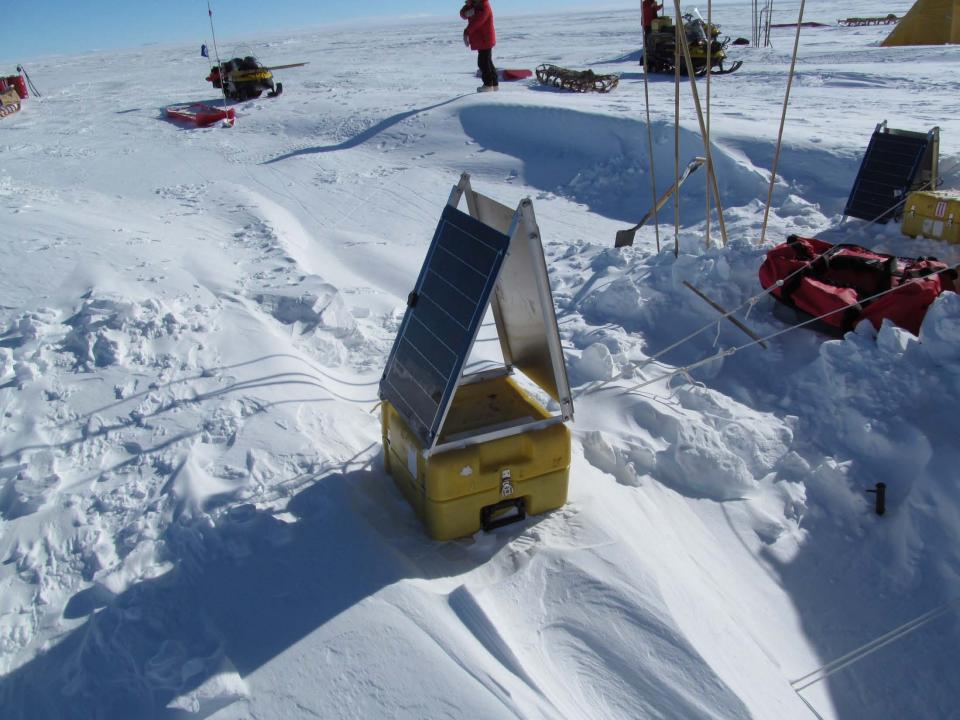
80 kg 0.5 cubic meters



# Water for two people

10-liter bucket full of ice chunks yields 6 liters of water per day





# Solar power unit

- Two panels
  Two low-temperature auto batteries
  Inverter for 110 V 60 Hz power
  Power storage and conditioning gear masses 40 kg
- 35 W max continuous load5 W average use for power misers



### Iridium satellite telephone

- 6 W draw for charging
- 8 hours for a full charge
- 2 hours talk time on a charged battery

3 phones for a party of 8 each phone used 5 minutes to 1 hour per day

Daily check-in calls but no "mission control"



#### Bombardier "Skandic" Ski-Doo

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320 kg weight
Pre-mixed two-stroke engine fuel (40:1 fuel:oil)
delivered in 208-liter drums
36-liter fuel tank, 3 km per liter of fuel (6 mpg)
640 km driven during 6-week season
Fuel use for 8 skidoos for 6 weeks:
2300 liters (640 gal., 3800 lb.)
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Daily maintenance: 5 minutes for 1 person Repairs in field: 32 person-hours (carburetors, broken spring, broken bracket)





















## "Isopod" insulated sample containers

- 0.2 & 0.15 cubic meters
- 15 kg empty
- 140 kg & 45 kg with samples at end of season (329 meteorites)



## Twin Otter aircraft

1,000 kg load for 400-500 km range.































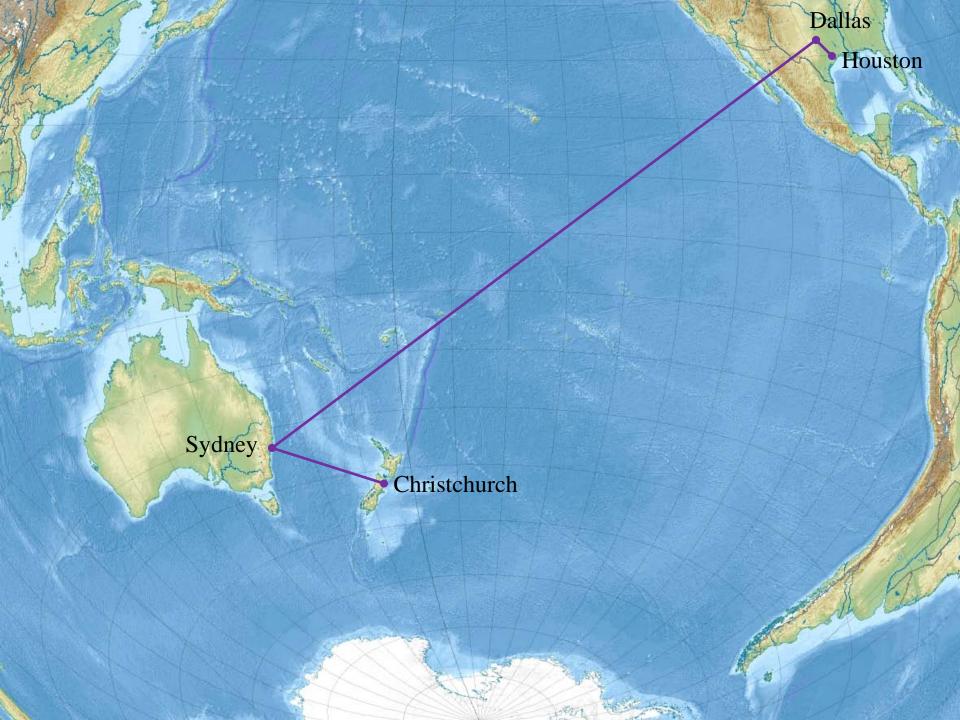




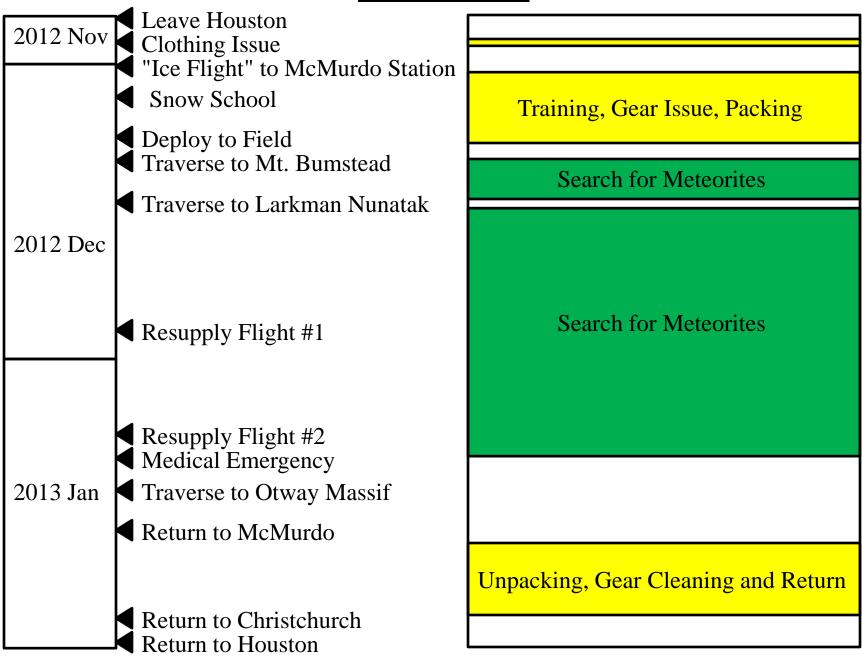








## Timeline



## The End

